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Abstract

This paper examines the men released directly from maximum security in Massachusetts from 1977 to 1980 inclusive. Included in this report is a description of the sample according to the type of institutional experience, a description of recidivism rates for this sample by the type of institutional experience, as well as information on recidivism rates according to length of time spent in maximum security. A discussion of policy implications of the findings is also presented in the report.

In the past four years, 497 men have been released from Walpole to the community. This represents 11% of the total Department of Correction releases over this period. The correctional history of these 497 releases from Walpole is as follows:

A) 10% of the 497 men spent their entire incarceration at Walpole without receiving furloughs;

B) 16% of the men had at least one medium security placement and were returned to Walpole prior to their release;

C) 22% had at least one pre-release or forestry camp placement and were returned to Walpole prior to their release;

D) 49% of the men had been placed on parole and were returned to Walpole as parole violators prior to being released again.

The report has also indicated several other important results:

1) there has been a significant downward trend in the number and percentage of Walpole releases who have spent their entire incarceration in maximum security from 17% in 1977 to 3% in 1980.

2) Of the 50 men who spent their whole institutional time in Walpole, the median time served before release was twenty three months.

3) For the parole violators who were released from Walpole with no participation in graduated release strategies during 1979 and 1980, 63% were released after serving three months or less in maximum security.

4) Of the 184 men who were parole violators and released from Walpole with no participation in graduated release strategies, 9% had only spent time in maximum security during their present incarceration, 33% had prior medium security exposure, and 58% had prior minimum security exposure during their present incarceration.

5) Those men released from maximum security in Massachusetts who participated in graduated release strategies prior to their release from maximum security represented 50% (N=247) of the Walpole releases from 1977 to 1980. Of these 247 men, 46% had at least one placement in a medium security institution and 54% had at least one placement in a minimum security facility or pre-release center.

6) Of the men who were released directly from maximum security to the community in Massachusetts from 1977 to 1980, only 109 or 22% had participated in the furlough program prior to their release.

7) Men released from Walpole during 1977 and 1978 had a recidivism rate of 24% which is significantly higher than the overall departmental recidivism rate during this same period of 15%. ($X^2=13.1333, 1df, p < .001$)

8) Men released from maximum security during 1977 and 1978 who participated in the furlough program prior to their release had a significantly lower recidivism rate (11%) than the non-furlough participants (28%) who were released during the same time period ($X^2=8.2873, 1df, p < .01$).

9) Men released from maximum security during 1977 and 1978 who spent less than one year in maximum security immediately prior to release had a recidivism rate of 20% compared to a rate of 29% for those men who spent more than one year in maximum security immediately prior to release.

10) Men who spent less than one year in maximum immediately prior to their release from prison who previously had been exposed to a pre-release center or forestry camp had a recidivism rate of 15%, the lowest of any sub-sample of men released from maximum security during 1977 and 1978. This recidivism rate also compared favorably with the overall departmental rate during this period which was 15%.

11) Men who spent all their institutional time in maximum security without participating in graduated release strategies and who were not parole violators had a recidivism rate of 35%.

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Introduction

There continues to be a great deal of concern in the correctional literature about offenders who are released from prison and the optimal release strategies for these individuals. Criminological theorists and the public at large have concerns about the kind of people being released from prison and their potential for future law violations. This concern is especially relevant for those offenders who are released directly from a maximum security institution back into the community. These individuals are released without having an opportunity to gradually adjust to a lowering of the security level of their institution and the concomitant increase in freedom and responsibility. That is, these offenders have not had an opportunity to test their adaptability to survive in the community without repeated returns to prison.

Pre-release centers, halfway houses, drug programs, and other community programs have been developed in Massachusetts to attempt

to impact this problem. Also, the Department of Correction operates a furlough program to give offenders an opportunity to spend a limited amount of time in the community prior to their return there. Published reports by the Research Unit in Massachusetts have indicated that men and women who have participated in these programs and are released from them exhibit significantly lower rates of return to prison than those released from higher security institutions.[1] These results have held constant when controlling for possible selection factors in the choosing of the pre-release population.[2] Other research has indicated a significant reduction in recidivism rates for offenders who participate in the furlough program prior to release.[3] However, there still remains a number of individuals who are being released from maximum security status at MCI-Walpole in Massachusetts directly back into the community.

This particular report focuses on men who were released directly from the maximum security institution in Massachusetts (MCI-Walpole) back into the community. It continues a line of inquiry that was begun in a previous published report[4] and updates the findings of that study with current data and recidivism information. The report attempts to provide some information on who these men are, why they were released directly from Walpole to the community, and how they performed in the community following their release from prison.

Methodology

Research Questions:

This particular report will focus on two main research questions. They are as follows:

1) How can one account for the fact that so many men are being released directly from Walpole to the community?

2) What are the recidivism rates for the men released directly from maximum security?

Sample:

The sample consisted of all men who were released from the maximum security institution under study (MCI-Walpole) in Massachusetts from 1977 to 1980 inclusive. The focus of most of the inquiry is on the men released during 1979 and 1980, but the earlier years are included to highlight any trends or significant relationships over time. There were 119 men released during 1977 from maximum security in Massachusetts, 142 released during 1978 and the same number during 1979, and 94 men were released during 1980. Therefore, the total sample consisted of 497 individuals.

Recidivism Analysis:

For the purpose of the recidivism analysis in Research Question Two, a recidivist was defined as any man returned to a federal or state correctional institution or to a county jail or house of correction for 30 days or more as a result of either a parole violation or a new court sentence. For the follow-up period, a length of time of one year from the man's release date from prison was used.

Variables Collected:

The analyses following in this report are based on five categories of variables: commitment variables, personal background variables, criminal history variables, furlough variables, and movement variables. For the recidivism analysis a sixth category of recidivism variables was added. A specific listing of all variables is given in Appendix II.

Data was derived from the computerized data base developed by the Correction and Parole Management Information System (CAPMIS) and was produced on the Massachusetts State College Computer Network (MSCCN).

Technique:

In order to address the research questions of this report, the total sample of Walpole releases was divided into six distinct groups. A description of the necessary characteristics of each group is described below:

1) Maximum Security Only, No Furloughs

Men who were released from MCI-Walpole who spent their whole institutional time in maximum security and never received furloughs.

2) Maximum Security, Furloughs

Men who were released from MCI-Walpole who spent their whole institutional time in maximum security and received furloughs before their release.

3) Medium Security, No Furloughs

Men who were released from MCI-Walpole who had at least one placement in a medium security institution (during their current incarceration) but were eventually returned to and released from Walpole and who never received furloughs.

4) Medium Security, Furloughs

Men who were released from MCI-Walpole who had at least one placement in a medium security institution (during their current incarceration) but were eventually returned to and released from Walpole and who received furloughs before their release.

5) Minimum Security, No Furloughs

Men who were released from MCI-Walpole who had at least one placement in a pre-release center or forestry camp (during their current incarceration) but were eventually returned to and released from Walpole and who never received furloughs.

6) Minimum Security, Furloughs

Men who were released from MCI-Walpole who had at least one placement in a pre-release center or forestry camp (during their current incarceration) but were eventually returned to and released from Walpole and who had furloughs before their release.

Results

I. General Results

In order to address research question one, Table I will present information on the releases from maximum security in Massachusetts from 1977 to 1980 according to their type of institutional experience before release.

Table I

Men Released From Maximum Security 1977 - 1980
By Type of Institutional Experience

	1977		1978		1979		1980		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum Security Only, No Furloughs	57	(48)	67	(47)	82	(58)	28	(30)	234	(47)
Maximum Security Only, Furloughs	10	(8)	3	(2)	2	(1)	1	(1)	16	(3)
Medium Security, No Furloughs	15	(13)	25	(18)	25	(18)	31	(33)	96	(19)
Medium Security, Furloughs	2	(2)	8	(6)	5	(4)	3	(3)	18	(4)
Minimum Security, No Furloughs	12	(10)	17	(12)	14	(10)	15	(16)	58	(12)
Minimum Security, Furloughs	23	(19)	22	(15)	14	(10)	16	(17)	75	(15)
TOTAL	119	(100)	142	(100)	142	(100)	94	(100)	497	(100)

Table I shows that 47% of the total sample of releases from MCI-Walpole were men who only spent time in maximum security and who apparently never had any community exposure (by way of furloughs) prior to their release. The table also shows that 15% of the men released had some minimum security exposure during their incarceration and also received furloughs prior to their release. However, this table is deceptive in that it includes men who were parole violators along with those who were non-parole violators. That is, a man who was released to the community on parole, who violated the conditions of his parole and was subsequent, returned to prison is included with those men who have spent extended periods of time in prison prior to their release. Table II looks at those men released from maximum security in Massachusetts from 1977 to 1980 according to their type of institutional experience before release and also by their categorization as parole violators or non-parole violators.

Table II

Men Releases From Maximum Security 1977-1980 By Type of Institutional Experience And Status As Parole Violator or Non-Parole Violator

	1977		1978		1979		1980		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
I. Maximum Security No Furloughs										
A. Parole Violators	37	(31)	51	(36)	71	(50)	25	(27)	184	(37)
B. Non-Parole Violators	20	(17)	16	(11)	11	(8)	3	(3)	50	(10)
Sub-Total	57	(48)	67	(47)	82	(58)	28	(30)	234	(47)
II. Maximum Security Furloughs										
A. Parole Violators	5	(4)	3	(2)	2	(1)	1	(1)	11	(2)
B. Non-Parole Violators	5	(4)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	5	(1)
Sub-Total	10	(8)	3	(2)	2	(1)	1	(1)	16	(3)

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Table II

Men Releases From Maximum Security 1977-1980 By Type of Institutional Experience
And Status As Parole Violator or Non-Parole Violator

	1977		1978		1979		1980		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
III. Medium Security, No Furloughs										
A. Parole Violators	7	(6)	5	(4)	6	(4)	11	(12)	29	(6)
B. Non-Parole Violators	8	(7)	20	(14)	19	(13)	20	(21)	67	(13)
Sub-Total	15	(13)	25	(18)	25	(17)	31	(33)	96	(19)
IV. Medium Security Furloughs										
A. Parole Violators	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
B. Non-Parole Violators	2	(2)	8	(6)	5	(4)	2	(2)	17	(3)
Sub-Total	2	(2)	8	(6)	5	(4)	3	(3)	18	(3)

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Table II

Men Releases From Maximum Security 1977-1980 By Type of Institutional Experience And Status As Parole Violator or Non-Parole Violator

	1977		1978		1979		1980		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
V. Minimum Security, No Furloughs										
A. Parole Violators	3	(2)	2	(1)	4	(3)	4	(4)	13	(3)
B. Non-Parole Violators	9	(8)	15	(11)	10	(7)	11	(12)	45	(9)
Sub-Total	12	(10)	17	(12)	14	(10)	15	(16)	58	(12)
VI. Minimum Security, Furloughs										
A. Parole Violators	3	(2)	3	(2)	0	(0)	2	(2)	8	(2)
B. Non-Parole Violators	20	(17)	19	(13)	14	(10)	14	(15)	67	(13)
Sub-Total	23	(19)	22	(15)	14	(10)	16	(17)	75	(15)
VI. TOTAL										
A. Parole Violators	54	(45)	64	(45)	82	(58)	43	(46)	243	(49)
B. Non-Parole Violators	65	(55)	78	(55)	60	(42)	51	(54)	254	(51)
GRAND TOTAL	119	(100)	142	(100)	142	(100)	94	(100)	497	(100)

Table II further amplifies the trends uncovered in Table I. The table reveals that while 47% of the total sample of releases were men who only spent time in maximum security and never had any community exposure (by way of furloughs) prior to their release, 184 or 37% of these men were parole violators. This gives a total population of 50 men (or 10%) who spent all their time in maximum security without any community exposure prior to their release during the time frame of the study period. Table III specifically looks at these 50 men and the trend indicated by the release data.

Table III

Men Released From Maximum Security 1977-1980
With No Prior Community Exposure And Who Were Non Parole Violators

Year	Number	Percent
1977	20	(17)
1978	16	(11)
1979	11	(8)
1980	3	(3)
TOTAL	50	(10)

Table III indicates that there is a noticeable trend downward in the number and percentage of Walpole releases who have spent their entire incarceration at Walpole (without being parole violators) - i.e., a reduction from 17% in 1977 to 3% in 1980.

Table IV attempts to isolate the reason why the 250 men who never participated in graduated release strategies never had that opportunity before their release from maximum security. The table looks at the number of parole violators and non-parole violators for those men who never participated in graduated release strategies (by way of lower security placements) before their release.

Table IV

Parole Violators Versus Non-Parole Violators
Walpole Releases Who Never Participated In
Graduated Release Strategies 1977 - 1980

	1977		1978		1979		1980		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Parole Violators	42	(63)	54	(77)	73	(87)	26	(90)	195	(78)
Non-Parole Violators	25	(37)	16	(23)	11	(13)	3	(10)	55	(22)
TOTAL	67	(100)	70	(100)	84	(100)	29	(100)	250	(100)

Table IV provides an answer to research question number 1 - that is, 195 men or 78% of the men who were released directly from maximum security with no participation in graduated release strategies were parole violators. In other words, most of the men who were released from maximum security who never participated in any graduated release strategies were parole violators who had been returned to maximum security after spending some time in the community unsuccessfully. Also, not only were the men in this group returned to maximum security, they served very brief periods of time in the institution before their release. Specifically, when looking at men released in this category during 1979 and 1980, sixty-three percent were released after serving three months or less in maximum security. As a result, a significant majority of the men released from maximum security from 1977 to 1980 who never participated in graduated release strategies were parole violators who served very short periods of time in maximum security before being released.

Section A focuses on those 50 men who were released directly from maximum security without participation in graduated release strategies and who were not parole violators.

A. Walpole Releases-Non-Parole Violators - Never Participated in Graduated Release Strategies

This section examines those 50 men who were not parole violators who never participated in graduated release strategies and were

released from maximum security from 1977 to 1980, Table V looks at the committing institution for these men and Table VI looks at the maximum sentence for the 50 men.

Table V

Committing Institution
Non-Parole Violators Released From Walpole Who Never Received Graduated Release Strategies

	Number	Percent
Concord	13	(26)
Walpole	37	(74)
TOTAL	50	(100)

Table VI

Maximum Sentence
Non-Parole Violators Released From Walpole
Who Never Received Graduated Release Strategies

	Number	Percent
1 Year	1	(2)
2 Years (including 2½)	4	(8)
3 Years	2	(4)
4 Years	1	(2)
5 Years	21	(42)
6 Years	5	(10)
7 Years	3	(6)
8 Years	0	(0)
9 Years	1	(2)
10 Years	8	(16)
11 Years or More	4	(8)
TOTAL	50	(100)

Table V shows that 74% of these 50 men were Walpole commitments. Table VI indicates that 58% of these men had received a maximum sentence of five years or less.

Tables VII, VIII, IX, X, XI show the present offense - general categories, person offenses, property offenses, drug offenses, and other offenses respectively for the 50 men being examined.

Table VII

Present Offense - General Categories
Non-Parole Violators Released From Walpole
Who Never Received Graduated Release Strategies

	Number	Percent
Person	26	(52)
Property	12	(24)
Drug	4	(8)
Other	8	(16)
TOTAL	50	(100)

Table VIII

Present Offense - Person Offenses
Non-Parole Violators Released From Walpole
Who Never Received Graduated Release Strategies

	Number	Percent
Non-Person Offense	24	(48)
Armed Robbery	16	(36)
Unarmed Robbery	2	(4)
Assault And Battery	2	(4)
Assault By Means of Dangerous Weapon	2	(4)
Armed Assault To Murder	1	(2)
Accessory to Murder	1	(2)
Kidnapping	1	(2)
Conspiracy	1	(2)
TOTAL	50	(100)

Table IX

Present Offense-Property Offenses
Non-Parole Violators Released From Walpole
Who Never Received Graduated Release Strategies

	Number	Percent
Non-Property Offense	38	(76)
Burglary	7	(14)
Armed Burglary	1	(2)
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	1	(2)
Tools	1	(2)
Destruction of Property	1	(2)
Larceny From the Person	1	(2)
TOTAL	50	(100)

Table X

Present Offense-Drug Offenses
Non-Parole Violators Released From Walpole
Who Never Received Graduated Release Strategies

	Number	Percent
Non-Drug Offense	46	(92)
Class A	3	(6)
Class B	1	(2)
TOTAL	50	(100)

Table XI

Present Offense-Other Offenses
Non-Parole Violators Released From Walpole
Who Never Received Graduated Release Strategies

	Number	Percent
Non Other Offense	42	(84)
Weapons Offenses	3	(6)
Escape Offenses	5	(10)
TOTAL	50	(100)

The results that are indicated in Tables VII through XI are not particularly different from the total population of releases from the Department of Correction during this period. For the total releases from 1977 to 1980, 55% were person offenders, 22% were property offenders, 7% were sex offenders, 8% were drug offenders, and 8% were other offenders.[5] The final table of this section, Table XII, looks at the time served with jail credits for the 50 men released directly from maximum security.

Table XII

Time Served With Jail Credits
Non-Parole Violators Released From Walpole
Who Never Received Graduated Release Strategies

	Number	Percent
0-6 Months	5	(10)
6-12 Months	5	(10)
1-1½ Years	9	(18)
1½-2 Years	6	(12)
2-2½ Years	8	(16)
2½-3 Years	5	(10)
3-4 Years	7	(14)
4-5 Years	2	(4)
5 Years or More	3	(6)
TOTAL	50	(100)

The median time served for this population was 23 months.

B. Walpole Releases - Parole Violators Who Never Participated in Graduated Release Strategies

This section focuses on those 184 men who were parole violators and released directly from maximum security without participation in graduated release strategies. The purpose of this section is to provide some information on the prior histories of these men before their parole violation and return to prison. Table XIII examines the prior parole history for the 184 men who were parole violators.

Table XIII

Prior Parole History
Parole Violators Released From Walpole Who
Did Not Participate In Graduated Release Strategies This Period

	Number	Percent
First Time Parole Violators	134	(73)
Prior Parole Violations This Incarceration	50	(27)
TOTAL	184	(100)

As Table XIII indicates, the vast majority (73%) of the 184 parole violators were men who were violating their parole for the first time this incarceration. It is interesting to examine the prior placement histories of the 134 first time parole violators to get an insight into their prior movements. Table XIV looks at these 134 men.

Table XIV

Prior Placement Histories
First Time Parole Violators Released From Maximum
Who Never Participated In Graduated Release Strategies

	Number	Percent
Maximum Security Only	13	(10)
Medium Security Exposure Only	38	(28)
Minimum Security Exposure	83	(62)
TOTAL	134	(100)

Table XIV shows that for the 134 first time parole violators, 28% had prior medium security placements and 62% had prior minimum security placements. Only 13 or 10% had spent all of their time in maximum security.

Table XIII also indicates that 50 of the 184 men (27%) had one or more prior parole violations this incarceration. Table XV looks at the placement histories of these 50 men during their present incarceration (including their placements for all their periods of incarceration this commitment).

Table XV

Prior Placement Histories
Multiple Parole Violators Released From Maximum
Who Never Participated In Graduated Release Strategies

	Number	Percent
Maximum Security Only	4	(8)
Medium Security Exposure Only	23	(46)
Minimum Security Exposure	23	(46)
TOTAL	50	(100)

Table XV shows that for the 50 multiple parole violators, 46% had prior medium security exposure and 46% had prior minimum security exposure. Only 4 men (8%) had spent all their time in maximum security before release.

Table I has already shown that 247 or 50% of the sample had participated in graduated release strategies. Table I also shows that of the 247 men, 114 (or 46%) had received one or more placements in a medium security institution and 133 (or 54%) had received one or more placements in a pre-release center or other minimum security facility. To get an understanding of the extent of the participation for the 247 men who participated in graduated release strategies, Table XVI and Table XVII present information on the number of medium security placements and number of minimum security placements respectively.

Table XVI

Number of Times in Medium Security Before Release
Walpole Releases 1977 To 1980 With Only Medium Security Exposure

	1977		1978		1979		1980		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Number of Times										
1	8	(47)	20	(61)	13	(43)	15	(44)	56	(49)
2	6	(35)	6	(18)	5	(17)	11	(32)	28	(25)
3	2	(12)	4	(12)	8	(27)	4	(12)	18	(16)
4 or More	1	(6)	3	(8)	4	(13)	4	(12)	12	(10)
TOTAL	17	(100)	33	(100)	30	(100)	34	(100)	114	(100)

Table XVII

Number of Times in Minimum Security Before Release
Walpole Releases 1977 to 1980 With Prior Minimum Security Exposure

	1977		1978		1979		1980		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Number of Times										
1	19	(54)	15	(38)	18	(64)	16	(52)	68	(51)
2	7	(20)	10	(26)	6	(21)	8	(26)	31	(23)
3	6	(17)	11	(28)	2	(7)	5	(16)	24	(18)
4 or More	3	(9)	3	(8)	2	(7)	2	(6)	10	(8)
TOTAL	35	(100)	39	(100)	28	(100)	31	(100)	133	(100)

Table XVI shows that of the 114 men who were placed in a medium security institution before being returned to and released from maximum security, 58 or 51% had received multiple medium security placements during their incarceration and were not successful in their medium security institutions.

Table XVII shows that of the 133 men who were placed in a pre-release center or forestry camp before their release, 65 or 49% had received multiple minimum security placements before being returned to and released from maximum security. That is, these men were given more than one opportunity to receive a placement in a pre-release center or forestry camp but due to infractions of the rules in these facilities (escapes, failure to maintain employment, violating house rules, etc.) it was necessary to return them to higher security institutions.

C. Recidivism Results

The second research question is concerned with the recidivism rates for the total sample as well as the rates for the different groups within the sample. Table XVIII provides recidivism rates for those men released during 1977 and 1978 according to their categorization into the previously outlined six sub-groups.

Table XVIII

1977 And 1978 Recidivism Rates By Category

Group	Total Number	Recidivists	Non-Recidivists	Recidivism Rate
Maximum Security Only, No Furloughs	121	29	92	24%
Maximum Security, Furloughs	12	0	12	0%
Medium Security, No Furloughs	41	14	27	34%
Medium Security, Furloughs	9	1	8	11%
Minimum Security No Furloughs	23	9	14	39%
Minimum Security, Furloughs	45	6	39	13%
TOTAL	251	59	192	24%

As indicated in Table XVIII, the overall recidivism rate (using 1977 and 1978 releases) for men released from maximum security was 24%. The departmental rate for this same period was 15%,[6] so that the men released directly from maximum security to the community had significantly higher recidivism rates than those offenders released from lower security facilities (X^2=13.1333,1df,p<.001).

Table XVIII also provides some information on the recidivism rates for the different sub-groups of the population of maximum security releases. The rates ranged from a high of 39% for those men who had received pre-release or forestry camp exposure but did not receive furloughs, to a low of 0% for those men who never received a lower security placement but did receive furloughs. When looking at those men who spent all of their time in maximum security without participating in the furlough program, it is important to remember that this category includes both parole violators and non-parole violators. Table XIX looks at recidivism rates for this particular sub-group only.

Table XIX

Recidivism Rates For Men Who Never Participated in Graduated Release Strategies According To Status As Parole Violators Or Non-Parole Violators: 1977 And 1978 Recidivism

	Total Number	Recidivist	Non-Recidivist	Recidivism Rate
Parole Violators	87	17	70	20%
Non-Parole Violators	34	12	22	35%
TOTAL	121	29	92	24%

Table XIX indicates that those men who were not parole violators who spent all their institutional time in maximum security before release without participating in graduated release strategies had a recidivism rate of 35%. Table XX also provides some information that can be used to compare those men in the sample who had received furloughs prior to their release to those men who did not receive furloughs prior to release. Table XX presents this information.

Table XX

Recidivism Rates By Furlough Participation
1977 And 1978 Walpole Recidivism

	Recidivists	Non Recidivists	Number	Recidivism Rate
Men Who Received At Least One Furlough Prior To Their Release	7	59	66	11%
Men Who Never Received A Frulough Prior To Their Release	52	133	185	28%
TOTAL	59	192	251	24%

(X^2=8.2873, 1df, p<.01)

As Table XX indicates, men who were released from maximum security who had participated in the furlough program during their incarceration had significantly lower recidivism rates than those men who were released without participating in the furlough program.

To get a further understanding of the effect of participation in graduated release strategies on this sample, Table XXI looks at recidivism rates for the different groups by focusing on the amount of time spent in maximum security before release for the sample.

Table XXI

Recidivism Rates By Length of Time Spent in Maximum Before Release 1977 And 1978 Releases

TOTAL SAMPLE

N = 251

RR = 24%

Men who spent less than one year in maximum security immediately prior to their release.

N = 181
RR = 20%

Men who spent less than one year in maximum security immediately prior to their release who had pre-release or forestry camp exposure.

N = 52
RR = 15%

Men who spent less than 1 year in maximum security immediately prior to their release who had received at least 1 medium security placement & no minimum security placements.

N = 27
RR = 26%

Men who spent 1 year or longer in maximum security immediately prior to their release.

N = 72
RR = 29%

Men who spent 1 year or longer in maximum security immediately prior to their release who had pre-release or forestry camp exposure.

N = 21
RR = 33%

Men who spent 1 year or longer in maximum security immediately prior to their release who had at least 1 medium security placement and no minimum security placements.

N = 23
RR = 35%

Table XXI provides some very important information on the sample. Those men who had spent less than one year in maximum security immediately prior to their release had a recidivism rate of 20% whereas those men who had spent one year or longer had a much higher rate of 29%. Further breakdowns of the sample reveal other important results. That is, those men receiving the lowest recidivism rates for this sample (15%) were those men who spent less than one year in maximum security immediately prior to their release who also had experienced some direct exposure to a pre-release center or forestry camp prior to their release. These men exhibited a recidivism rate that was comparable to the overall departmental recidivism rate for this period (15%).

Table XXI also provides information on those men in the sample who returned to prison at a much higher rate than the men described above. That is, the men receiving the highest recidivism rates for this sample (35%) were those men who spent one year or longer in maximum security immediately prior to their release who had received at least one medium security placement and no pre-release or forestry camp placements. Those men who spent one year or longer in maximum security immediately prior to their release who had some exposure to a pre-release center or forestry camp during their incarceration had a recidivism rate of 33%.

Discussion

This report has examined those men who were released directly from maximum security to the community in Massachusetts from 1977 to 1980. Included in this report was a grouping of these men according to the type of their institutional experience prior to release. Also, recidivism information for this group of men was presented for the total sample as well as for the different categories of institutional experiences.

There were several findings in this report that have important implications for policy for the Department of Correction. One finding of this report was that an overwhelming majority of the men who were released from maximum security who had never received any alternate placements or participated in the furlough program were men who were parole violators who returned to maximum security, spent a very short amount of time incarcerated, and were then released again to the community. This finding points out the policy that has existed of returning parole violators to maximum security. Since this report has shown that these men subsequently served very short periods of time in maximum security, it would seem to be beneficial to explore returning these parole violators to lower security inst-tutions. Since research has shown that the recidivism rate of releases decreases as the security level decreases, if these men were returned to a lower security institution and then released from there, this could have a later impact on recidivism rates. It would also free maximum security beds so that they could be used for those offenders who are in need of a maximum security placement.

The report has also indicated that the amount of time spent in maximum security before release seems to have very important implications for the recidivism rates for these men. That is, the men who serve less than one year in maximum security immediately prior to their release exhibit lower recidivism rates than those men who served a year or longer. Also, when the men in this sample received placements in lower security, this was reflected in the recidivism rates. The findings indicated that these men do seem to receive some benefits from placement in pre-release centers or forestry camps as reflected in their lower recidivism rates. However, whatever benefits are realized tend to be dissipated if the person is returned to maximum security for longer than a year before being released. In terms of policy, it would seem to be beneficial to provide these men with the opportunity to receive lower security placements. If after being placed in lower security (whether it is in medium security or minimum security) these men are unsuccessful and are returned to higher security, there needs to be a focus on trying to get them released from maximum security within a year of their return there. If the findings presented in this report continue to occur, a decision such as that one would seem to result in a lowering of the recidivism rates for this particular sample.

Finally, there were 50 men who spent all of their institutional time in maximum security, never participated in graduated release strategies, and who were not parole violators. These men had a median time served in maximum security of twenty-three months. Clearly these men are spending time on maximum security without ever moving to lower security placements and are subsequently released directly to the community. These men are not given the opportunity to have exposure in the community before their release and do not go through a relaxation of security levels either. In terms of recidivism, these men have a rate of 35% which is higher than the overall rate of this particular sample of men which was 24%. This high recidivism rate points to a need to positively impact this particular group of men. There needs to be close monitoring of these men so that they are given the opportunity to participate in some type of graduated release strategy before their release.

The report has also indicated a significant downward trend in the number of men who are being released after having spent their entire incarceration in maximum security from 1977 to 1980. The Department of Correction needs to continue this trend in future years since the results of the report have seemed to indicate that these men perform much worse in the community after release than those men who had opportunities to participate in graduated release strategies.

Footnotes

1. Smart, Yvette, An Analysis of Recidivism Among Residents Released From Massachusetts Correctional Institutions During 1977, Massachusetts Department of Correction Publication Number 182 (November, 1979).

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6. Smart, Yvette, An Analysis of Recidivism Rates Among Residents Released From Massachusetts Correctional Institutions During 1977, Massachusetts Department of Correction Publication Number 182 (November, 1979). The rate given of 15% excludes those releases from MCI-Walpole during 1977 and 1978.

Appendix I

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
1. Court						
Barnstable	4	(3)	3	(3)	7	(3)
Berkshire	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
Bristol	11	(8)	1	(1)	12	(5)
Essex	3	(2)	7	(7)	10	(4)
Franklin	0	(0)	3	(3)	3	(1)
Hampden	9	(6)	7	(7)	16	(7)
Hampshire	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
Middlesex	26	(18)	15	(16)	41	(17)
Nantucket	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Norfolk	6	(4)	5	(5)	11	(5)
Plymouth	4	(3)	3	(3)	7	(3)
Suffolk	52	(37)	40	(43)	92	(39)
Worcester	9	(6)	6	(6)	15	(6)
Municipal Courts	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
District Courts	1	(1)	2	(2)	3	(1)
Out of State	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Unknown	10	(7)	1	(1)	11	(5)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
2. Committing Institution						
Walpole	114	(80)	62	(66)	176	(75)
Concord	27	(19)	32	(34)	59	(25)
Out of State	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
3. Jail Credits						
None	33	(23)	22	(23)	55	(23)
1 to 10	9	(6)	7	(7)	16	(7)
11 to 50	25	(18)	17	(18)	42	(18)
51 to 100	24	(17)	19	(20)	43	(18)
101 to 150	21	(15)	9	(10)	30	(13)
151 to 200	14	(10)	10	(11)	24	(10)
Over 200	16	(11)	10	(11)	26	(11)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
4. Present Offense - General Categories						
Person	79	(56)	61	(65)	140	(59)
Sex	12	(9)	3	(3)	15	(6)
Property	30	(21)	20	(21)	50	(21)
Drug	10	(7)	6	(6)	16	(7)
Other	11	(8)	4	(4)	15	(6)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
5. Present Offense - Drug						
Non-Drug Off.	132	(93)	88	(94)	220	(93)
Possession of Heroin	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
Sale of Heroin	2	(1)	1	(1)	3	(1)
Sale of Narcotic	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Controlled Sub.	2	(1)	1	(1)	3	(1)
Class A	3	(2)	3	(3)	6	(3)
Class B	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
6. Present Offense - Person						
Non-Person	63	(44)	33	(35)	96	(41)
Murder - 2	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
Manslaughter	6	(4)	7	(7)	13	(6)
Assault-Intent	0	(0)	3	(3)	3	(1)
Armed Robbery	50	(35)	36	(38)	86	(36)
Unarmed Robbery	6	(4)	8	(9)	14	(6)
Armed Assault	10	(7)	5	(5)	15	(6)
Unarmed Assault	3	(2)	1	(1)	4	(2)
Conspiracy	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Other Person	3	(2)	0	(0)	3	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
7. Present Offense - Sex						
Non-Sex Off.	130	(92)	91	(97)	221	(94)
Rape	7	(5)	1	(1)	8	(3)
Assault-Rape	2	(1)	1	(1)	3	(1)
Rape of Minor	3	(2)	1	(1)	4	(2)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
8. Present Offense - Property						
Not Applicable	112	(79)	74	(79)	186	(79)
Arson	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Burglary-Armed	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Burglary	20	(14)	16	(17)	36	(15)
Tools	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
Larceny From Person	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Larceny	2	(1)	3	(3)	5	(2)
Forgery-Uttering	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Common Theft	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
Property Injuries	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
9. Present Offense - Other						
Non-Other-Off.	131	(92)	90	(96)	221	(94)
Escapes	5	(4)	2	(2)	7	(3)
Weapons Off.	6	(4)	2	(2)	8	(3)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
10. Sentence Type						
1 Sentence Only	58	(41)	42	(45)	100	(42)
Concurrent	62	(44)	36	(38)	98	(41)
Aggregate	2	(1)	1	(1)	3	(1)
Forthwith	17	(12)	11	(12)	28	(12)
Forthwith-House	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
From & After	3	(2)	3	(3)	6	(3)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
11. Minimum Sentence in Years						
1 Year	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
2 Years	7	(5)	4	(4)	11	(5)
3 Years	24	(17)	9	(10)	33	(14)
4 Years	21	(15)	7	(7)	28	(12)
5 Years	21	(15)	11	(12)	32	(14)
6 Years	12	(9)	9	(10)	21	(9)
7 Years	5	(4)	5	(5)	10	(4)
8 Years	5	(4)	4	(4)	9	(4)
9 Years	4	(3)	4	(4)	8	(3)
10 Years	5	(4)	1	(1)	6	(3)
11 to 12 Years	4	(3)	3	(3)	7	(3)
13 to 15 Years	6	(4)	3	(3)	9	(4)
Life	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
Indeterminate	28	(20)	32	(34)	60	(25)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
12. Maximum Sentence in Years						
2 Years	5	(4)	3	(3)	8	(3)
3 Years	4	(3)	1	(1)	5	(2)
4 Years	0	(0)	2	(2)	2	(1)
5 Years	24	(17)	13	(14)	37	(16)
6 Years	11	(8)	5	(5)	16	(7)
7 Years	18	(13)	7	(7)	25	(11)
8 Years	8	(6)	5	(5)	13	(6)
9 Years	2	(1)	3	(3)	5	(2)
10 Years	28	(20)	26	(27)	54	(23)
11 to 12 Years	11	(8)	10	(11)	21	(9)
13 to 15 Years	14	(10)	4	(4)	18	(8)
16 to 19 Years	5	(4)	2	(2)	7	(3)
20 or More Yrs.	12	(9)	12	(13)	24	(10)
Life	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
13. Time Served With Jail Credits						
Less Than 6 Mos.	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
6-11 Months	2	(1)	2	(2)	4	(2)
1-2 Years	9	(6)	14	(15)	23	(10)
2-3 Years	10	(7)	4	(4)	14	(6)
3-5 Years	17	(12)	14	(15)	31	(13)
5 to 10 Yrs.	9	(6)	5	(5)	14	(6)
10-15 Years	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Complex Sentence	93	(66)	54	(57)	147	(62)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
14. Race						
White	94	(66)	60	(64)	154	(65)
Black	45	(32)	33	(35)	78	(33)
Hispanic	3	(2)	1	(1)	4	(2)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
15. Marital Status						
Married	33	(23)	14	(15)	47	(20)
Single	94	(66)	68	(72)	162	(69)
Divorced	9	(6)	8	(9)	17	(7)
Widowed	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Separated	5	(4)	4	(4)	9	(4)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
16. Military Discharge						
No Service	103	(73)	72	(77)	175	(74)
Honorable	10	(7)	8	(9)	18	(8)
Bad Conduct	3	(2)	1	(1)	4	(2)
Discharge Unkn.	11	(8)	8	(9)	19	(8)
Unknown	15	(11)	5	(5)	20	(8)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
17. Prior Address - Selected Towns						
Boston	52	(37)	39	(42)	91	(39)
Brockton	2	(1)	4	(4)	6	(3)
Cambridge	6	(4)	4	(4)	10	(4)
Fall River	3	(2)	1	(1)	4	(2)
Holyoke	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Lawrence	0	(0)	2	(2)	2	(1)
Lowell	3	(2)	1	(1)	4	(2)
Lynn	2	(1)	2	(2)	4	(2)
New Bedford	6	(4)	0	(0)	6	(3)
Quincy	4	(3)	1	(1)	5	(2)
Somerville	2	(1)	5	(5)	7	(3)
Springfiled	8	(6)	7	(7)	15	(6)
Worcester	8	(6)	2	(2)	10	(4)
Other Mass.	38	(27)	21	(22)	59	(25)
Out of State	7	(5)	5	(5)	12	(5)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
18. Prior Address - County						
Worcester	11	(7)	6	(6)	17	(7)
Franklin	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
Middlesex	22	(16)	16	(17)	38	(16)
Suffolk	56	(39)	41	(44)	97	(41)
Norfolk	8	(6)	1	(1)	9	(4)
Bristol	12	(9)	1	(1)	13	(6)
Plymouth	5	(4)	6	(6)	11	(5)
Essex	3	(2)	7	(7)	10	(4)
Hampden	10	(7)	7	(7)	17	(7)
Hampshire	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
Berkshire	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
Barnstable	4	(3)	2	(2)	6	(3)
Nantucket	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
Out of State	7	(5)	5	(5)	12	(5)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
19. Prior Address - SMSA						
Boston	86	(61)	60	(64)	146	(62)
Brockton	2	(1)	4	(4)	6	(3)
Fall River	5	(4)	1	(1)	6	(3)
Fitchburg-Leominster	0	(0)	2	(2)	2	(1)
Lawrence-Haverhill	0	(0)	3	(3)	3	(1)
Lowell	4	(3)	1	(1)	5	(2)
New Bedford	6	(4)	0	(0)	6	(3)
Pittsfiled	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Springfield	12	(9)	7	(7)	19	(8)
Worcester	9	(6)	3	(3)	12	(5)
Other Mass.	10	(7)	8	(8)	18	(8)
Out of State	7	(5)	5	(5)	12	(5)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
20. Total Number of Furloughs						
None	118	(83)	74	(79)	192	(81)
One	10	(7)	6	(6)	16	(7)
2-5	10	(7)	8	(9)	18	(8)
6-10	1	(1)	4	(4)	5	(2)
11-15	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
21-30	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
31-50	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
21. Number of Successful Furlough Outcomes						
Never Furloughed	118	(83)	74	(79)	192	(81)
None	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
One	11	(8)	5	(5)	16	(7)
2-5	8	(6)	8	(9)	16	(7)
6-10	1	(1)	4	(4)	5	(2)
11-15	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
21-30	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
31-50	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
22. Number of Late Under Furlough Outcomes						
Never Furloughed	118	(83)	74	(79)	192	(81)
None	19	(13)	16	(17)	35	(15)
One	4	(3)	4	(4)	8	(3)
2-5	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
23. Number of Late Over Furlough Outcomes						
Never Furloughed	118	(83)	74	(79)	192	(81)
None	24	(17)	20	(21)	44	(19)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
24. Number of Escape Furlough Outcomes						
Never Furloughed	118	(83)	74	(79)	192	(81)
None	22	(16)	19	(20)	41	(17)
One	2	(1)	1	(1)	3	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
25. Occupation						
Professional	2	(1)	1	(1)	3	(1)
Semi-Professional	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
Business	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
Sales, Clerical	9	(6)	6	(6)	15	(6)
Manual	81	(57)	47	(50)	128	(54)
Services	27	(19)	26	(28)	53	(22)
Armed Services	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
Student	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
Unemployed	4	(3)	8	(9)	12	(5)
Unknown	13	(9)	4	(4)	17	(7)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
26. Time at Most Skilled Position						
Less than 1 Mo.	7	(5)	8	(9)	15	(6)
1-2 Months	16	(11)	8	(9)	24	(10)
3-4 Months	21	(15)	15	(16)	36	(15)
5-6 Months	13	(9)	8	(9)	21	(9)
7-9 Months	11	(8)	3	(3)	14	(6)
10-12 Months	13	(9)	7	(7)	20	(8)
1-2 Years	14	(10)	10	(11)	24	(10)
2-5 Years	16	(11)	17	(18)	33	(14)
5 + Years	5	(4)	3	(3)	8	(3)
Unknown	26	(18)	15	(16)	41	(17)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
27. Time On Job of Longest Duration						
Less Than 1 Mo.	4	(3)	6	(6)	10	(4)
1-2 Months	11	(8)	9	(10)	20	(8)
3-4 Months	25	(18)	12	(13)	37	(16)
5-6 Months	15	(11)	7	(7)	22	(9)
7-9 Months	12	(9)	4	(4)	16	(7)
10-12 Months	13	(9)	7	(7)	20	(8)
1-2 Years	16	(11)	13	(14)	29	(12)
2-5 Years	16	(11)	17	(18)	33	(14)
5+ Years	6	(4)	3	(3)	9	(4)
Unknown	24	(17)	16	(17)	40	(17)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
28. Last Grade Completed						
3rd or Less	4	(3)	5	(5)	9	(4)
4th	3	(2)	1	(1)	4	(2)
5th	4	(3)	2	(2)	6	(3)
6th	7	(5)	5	(5)	12	(5)
7th	14	(10)	3	(3)	17	(7)
8th	21	(15)	21	(22)	42	(18)
9th	28	(20)	19	(20)	47	(20)
10th	12	(9)	12	(14)	25	(11)
11th	9	(6)	3	(3)	12	(5)
High School Grad	32	(23)	20	(21)	52	(22)
Some College	5	(4)	2	(2)	7	(3)
Unknown	3	(2)	0	(0)	3	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
29. Drug Use						
None	60	(42)	33	(35)	93	(39)
Non-Specific	15	(11)	5	(5)	20	(8)
Heroin	47	(33)	30	(32)	77	(33)
Marijuana	6	(4)	13	(14)	19	(8)
Other	11	(8)	11	(12)	22	(9)
Unknown	3	(2)	2	(2)	5	(2)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
30. Total Number of Court Appearances						
First Offense	2	(1)	3	(3)	5	(2)
Two	1	(1)	2	(2)	3	(1)
Three	4	(3)	4	(4)	8	(3)
Four	4	(3)	1	(1)	5	(2)
Five	5	(4)	2	(2)	7	(3)
6-8	12	(9)	14	(15)	26	(11)
9-11	20	(14)	15	(16)	35	(15)
12 to 15	36	(25)	13	(14)	49	(21)
16 to 20	24	(17)	18	(19)	42	(18)
More Than 20	32	(23)	22	(23)	54	(23)
Unknown	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
31. Number of Charges For Person Offenses						
None	9	(6)	4	(4)	13	(6)
One	15	(11)	7	(7)	22	(9)
Two	16	(11)	17	(18)	33	(14)
Three	19	(13)	13	(14)	32	(14)
Four	15	(11)	16	(17)	31	(13)
Five	23	(16)	6	(6)	29	(12)
6-8	29	(20)	16	(17)	45	(19)
Over 8	16	(11)	15	(16)	31	(13)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
32. Number of Charges for Property Offenses						
None	10	(7)	7	(7)	17	(7)
One	6	(4)	7	(7)	13	(6)
Two	10	(7)	6	(6)	16	(7)
Three	8	(6)	8	(9)	11	(7)
Four	9	(6)	3	(3)	12	(5)
Five	7	(5)	7	(7)	14	(6)
6-8	24	(17)	16	(17)	40	(17)
Over 8	68	(48)	40	(41)	108	(46)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
33. Number of Charges for Sex Offenses						
None	123	(87)	81	(86)	204	(86)
One	14	(10)	9	(10)	23	(10)
Two	2	(1)	3	(3)	5	(2)
Three	2	(1)	1	(1)	3	(1)
Four	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
34. Number of Charges for Narcotics Offenses						
None	73	(51)	41	(44)	114	(48)
One	21	(15)	15	(16)	36	(15)
Two	16	(11)	13	(14)	29	(12)
Three	12	(9)	7	(7)	19	(8)
Four	4	(3)	5	(5)	9	(4)
Five	2	(1)	4	(4)	6	(3)
6-8	3	(2)	3	(3)	6	(3)
Over 8	11	(8)	6	(6)	17	(7)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
35. Number of Charges For Drunkenness Offenses						
None	81	(57)	63	(67)	144	(61)
One	28	(20)	13	(14)	41	(17)
Two	10	(7)	8	(9)	18	(8)
Three	7	(5)	2	(2)	9	(4)
Four	4	(3)	3	(3)	7	(3)
Five	2	(1)	2	(2)	4	(2)
6-8	4	(3)	1	(1)	5	(2)
Over 8	6	(4)	2	(2)	8	(3)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
36. Number of Charges For Escape Offenses						
None	111	(78)	72	(77)	183	(78)
One	19	(13)	15	(16)	34	(14)
Two	9	(6)	4	(4)	13	(6)
Three	2	(1)	3	(3)	5	(2)
6-8	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
37. Department of Youth Service Commitment Indicator						
No	88	(62)	56	(60)	144	(61)
Yes	51	(36)	38	(40)	89	(38)
Unknown	3	(2)	0	(0)	3	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
38. Number of Prior County Incarcerations						
None	57	(40)	39	(42)	96	(41)
One	31	(22)	19	(20)	50	(21)
Two	20	(14)	15	(16)	35	(15)
Three	16	(11)	11	(12)	27	(11)
Four	4	(3)	4	(4)	8	(3)
5 Or More	12	(9)	6	(6)	18	(8)
Unknown	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
39. Number of Prior State or Federal Incarcerations						
None	63	(44)	60	(64)	123	(52)
One	44	(31)	13	(14)	57	(24)
Two	16	(11)	11	(12)	27	(11)
Three	9	(6)	3	(3)	12	(5)
Four	5	(4)	4	(4)	9	(4)
5 or More	3	(2)	3	(3)	6	(3)
Unknown	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
40. Total Number of Prior Adult Incarcerations						
None	35	(25)	31	(33)	66	(28)
One	26	(18)	17	(18)	43	(18)
Two	24	(17)	9	(10)	33	(14)
Three	17	(12)	14	(15)	31	(13)
Four	16	(11)	7	(7)	23	(10)
5 or More	22	(16)	16	(17)	38	(16)
Unknown	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
41. Number of Juvenile Paroles						
None	99	(70)	72	(77)	171	(72)
One	23	(16)	10	(11)	33	(14)
Two	9	(6)	4	(4)	13	(6)
Three	6	(4)	0	(0)	6	(3)
Four or More	3	(2)	8	(9)	11	(5)
Unknown	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
42. Number of Juvenile Parole Violations						
Never Paroled	99	(70)	72	(77)	171	(72)
None	24	(17)	11	(12)	35	(15)
One	9	(6)	4	(4)	13	(6)
Two	4	(3)	2	(2)	6	(3)
Three	3	(2)	1	(1)	4	(2)
Four or More	1	(1)	4	(4)	5	(2)
Unknown	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
43. Number of Adult Paroles						
None	78	(55)	61	(65)	139	(59)
One	35	(25)	21	(22)	56	(24)
Two	14	(10)	7	(7)	21	(9)
Three	8	(6)	2	(2)	10	(4)
Four or More	5	(4)	3	(3)	8	(3)
Unknown	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
44. Number of Adult Parole Violations						
Never Paroled	78	(55)	61	(65)	139	(59)
None	23	(16)	7	(7)	30	(13)
One	23	(16)	17	(18)	40	(17)
Two	9	(6)	7	(7)	16	(7)
Three	5	(3)	0	(0)	5	(2)
Four or More	2	(1)	2	(2)	4	(2)
Unknown	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
45. Total Number of Paroles						
None	62	(44)	50	(53)	112	(47)
One	32	(23)	19	(20)	51	(21)
Two	22	(16)	9	(6)	31	(13)
Three	8	(6)	4	(4)	12	(5)
Four or More	16	(11)	12	(13)	28	(12)
Unknown	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
46. Total Number of Parole Violations						
Never Paroled	62	(44)	50	(53)	112	(47)
None	30	(21)	13	(14)	43	(18)
One	25	(18)	14	(15)	39	(17)
Two	11	(8)	8	(9)	19	(8)
Three	5	(4)	2	(2)	7	(3)
Four or More	7	(5)	7	(7)	14	(6)
Unknown	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
47. Age at Incarceration						
Seventeen	4	(3)	3	(3)	7	(3)
Eighteen	9	(6)	4	(4)	13	(6)
Nineteen	5	(4)	9	(10)	14	(6)
Twenty	9	(6)	6	(6)	15	(6)
Twenty-one	10	(7)	12	(13)	22	(9)
Twenty-two	12	(9)	11	(12)	23	(10)
Twenty-three	14	(10)	6	(6)	20	(8)
Twenty-four	8	(6)	10	(11)	18	(8)
Twenty-five	10	(7)	5	(5)	15	(6)
26-29	30	(21)	13	(14)	43	(18)
30-39	27	(19)	15	(16)	42	(18)
40 And Older	4	(3)	0	(0)	4	(2)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
48. Age at First Court Appearance						
10 or Younger	9	(6)	13	(14)	22	(9)
Eleven	6	(4)	5	(5)	11	(5)
Twelve	11	(8)	4	(4)	15	(6)
Thirteen	11	(8)	10	(11)	21	(9)
Fourteen	11	(8)	11	(12)	22	(9)
Fifteen	21	(15)	11	(12)	32	(14)
Sixteen	17	(17)	13	(14)	30	(13)
Seventeen	24	(17)	10	(11)	34	(14)
Eighteen	12	(9)	7	(7)	19	(8)
Nineteen	4	(3)	2	(2)	6	(3)
Twenty	3	(2)	3	(3)	6	(3)
Twenty-one	5	(4)	1	(1)	6	(3)
Twenty-two	4	(3)	0	(0)	4	(2)
Twenty-four	0	(0)	2	(2)	2	(1)
Twenty-five	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
26-29	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
30-39	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
49. Age At First Court Appearance For Drunkenness Offense						
Not Applicable	82	(58)	63	(67)	145	(61)
8-14	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
15-17	22	(16)	10	(11)	32	(14)
18-19	14	(10)	8	(9)	22	(9)
20-21	7	(5)	5	(5)	12	(5)
22-24	11	(8)	3	(3)	14	(6)
25-29	3	(2)	2	(2)	5	(2)
30-34	3	(2)	1	(1)	4	(2)
Unknown	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
50. Age at First Court Appearance for Drug Offense						
Not Applicable	76	(54)	41	(44)	117	(50)
8-14	0	(0)	2	(2)	2	(1)
15-17	17	(12)	17	(18)	34	(14)
18-19	13	(9)	9	(10)	22	(9)
20-21	9	(6)	7	(7)	16	(7)
22-24	11	(8)	9	(10)	20	(8)
25-29	13	(9)	5	(5)	18	(8)
30-34	2	(1)	1	(1)	3	(1)
35-39	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
Unknown	0	(0)	2	(2)	2	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
51. Age at Release						
Nineteen	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
Twenty	3	(2)	7	(7)	10	(4)
Twenty-one	6	(4)	2	(2)	8	(3)
Twenty-two	2	(1)	7	(7)	9	(4)
Twenty-three	7	(5)	6	(6)	13	(5)
Twenty-four	7	(5)	9	(10)	16	(7)
Twenty-five	12	(9)	9	(10)	21	(9)
26-29	35	(25)	23	(25)	58	(26)
30-39	52	(37)	24	(26)	76	(32)
40 And Older	17	(12)	6	(6)	23	(10)
COLUMN TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
52. Number of Maximum Placements						
One	92	(65)	50	(53)	142	(60)
Two	23	(16)	21	(22)	44	(19)
Three	16	(11)	13	(14)	29	(12)
Four	6	(4)	4	(4)	10	(4)
Five	2	(1)	4	(4)	6	(3)
Six	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
Nine	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Ten	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Eighteen	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
53. Number of Medium Placements						
None	87	(61)	31	(33)	118	(50)
One	22	(16)	26	(28)	48	(20)
Two	15	(11)	17	(18)	32	(14)
Three	11	(8)	9	(10)	20	(8)
Four	3	(2)	7	(7)	10	(4)
Five	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
Six	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Seven	1	(1)	2	(2)	3	(1)
Eight	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Thirteen	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
Twenty-one	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
54. Number of Minimum or Pre-Release Placements						
None	114	(80)	63	(67)	177	(75)
One	18	(13)	16	(17)	34	(14)
Two	6	(4)	8	(9)	14	(6)
Three	2	(1)	5	(5)	7	(3)
Four	2	(1)	1	(1)	3	(1)
Seven	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
55. Time Spent in Maximum						
Less Than 1 Mo.	10	(7)	2	(2)	12	(5)
One Month	1	(15)	11	(12)	32	(14)
Two Months	19	(13)	10	(11)	29	(12)
Three Months	9	(6)	7	(7)	16	(7)
Four Months	11	(8)	8	(9)	19	(8)
Five Months	5	(4)	7	(7)	12	(5)
Six Months	3	(2)	2	(2)	5	(2)
Seven Months	2	(1)	5	(5)	7	(3)
Eight Months	4	(3)	3	(3)	7	(3)
Nine Months	5	(4)	3	(3)	8	(3)
Ten Months	4	(3)	1	(1)	5	(2)
Eleven Months	3	(2)	2	(2)	5	(2)
1-1½ Years	17	(12)	7	(7)	24	(10)
1½-2 Years	8	(6)	7	(7)	15	(6)
2-2½ Years	2	(1)	3	(3)	5	(2)
2½-3 Years	4	(3)	2	(2)	6	(3)
3-3½ Years	6	(4)	5	(5)	11	(5)
3½-4 Years	1	(1)	4	(4)	5	(2)
4-4½ Years	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
4½-5 Years	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
5 Years or More	6	(4)	3	(3)	9	(4)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
56. Time Spent in Medium						
None	87	(61)	32	(34)	119	(50)
Less Than 1 Mo.	8	(6)	11	(12)	19	(8)
One Month	4	(3)	3	(3)	7	(3)
Two Months	3	(2)	1	(1)	4	(2)
Three Months	6	(4)	2	(2)	8	(3)
Four Months	0	(0)	3	(3)	3	(1)
Five Months	2	(1)	3	(3)	5	(2)
Six Months	2	(1)	3	(3)	5	(2)
Seven Months	4	(3)	3	(3)	7	(3)
Eight Months	3	(2)	5	(5)	8	(3)
Nine Months	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
Ten Months	1	(1)	4	(4)	5	(2)
Eleven Months	2	(1)	3	(3)	5	(2)
1-1½ Years	10	(7)	5	(5)	15	(6)
1½-2 Years	4	(3)	8	(9)	12	(5)
2-2½ Years	2	(1)	5	(5)	7	(3)
2½-3 Years	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
3-3½ Years	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
3½-4 Years	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)
57. Time Spent in Minimum or Pre-Release						
None	114	(80)	63	(67)	177	(75)
Less Than 1 Mo.	8	(6)	6	(6)	14	(6)
One Month	5	(3)	9	(10)	14	(6)
Two Months	3	(2)	1	(1)	4	(2)
Three Months	2	(1)	3	(3)	5	(2)
Four Months	3	(2)	2	(2)	5	(2)
Five Months	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
Six Months	1	(1)	1	(1)	2	(1)
Seven Months	2	(1)	1	(1)	3	(1)
Eight Months	0	(0)	2	(2)	2	(1)
Ten Months	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
1-1½ Years	1	(1)	4	(4)	5	(2)
1½-2 Years	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
2-2½ Years	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

	1979 Releases N	(%)	1980 Releases N	(%)	T O T A L N	(%)
58. Time Spent in Maximum Since Last Placement						
None	84	(59)	29	(31)	113	(48)
Less Than 1 Mo.	2	(1)	3	(3)	5	(2)
One Month	6	(4)	8	(9)	14	(6)
Two Months	10	(7)	5	(5)	15	(6)
Three Months	6	(4)	7	(7)	13	(6)
Four Months	5	(4)	9	(10)	14	(6)
Five Months	4	(3)	7	(7)	11	(5)
Six Months	2	(1)	5	(5)	7	(3)
Seven Months	4	(3)	3	(3)	7	(3)
Eight Months	3	(2)	1	(1)	4	(2)
Nine Months	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
Eleven Months	5	(4)	2	(2)	7	(3)
1-1½ Years	6	(4)	7	(7)	13	(6)
1½-2 Years	1	(1)	4	(4)	5	(2)
2-2½ Years	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
2½-3 Years	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
3-3½ Years	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(0)
3½-4 Years	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
4½-5 Years	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)
5 Years or More	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
TOTAL	142	(100)	94	(100)	236	(100)

Appendix II

Variables

A. Commitment Variables

1. Institution of Original Commitment
2. Age at Commitment
3. Present Offense
4. Number of Charges Involved in Present Commitment
5. Type of Sentence
6. Minimum Sentence
7. Maximum Sentence

B. Personal Background Characteristics Variables

1. Race
2. Marital Status
3. Military Service
4. Last Civilian Address
5. Known Drug Use
6. Occupation

C. Criminal History Variables

1. Age at First Court Appearance
2. Total Number of Court Appearances
3. Total Number of Court Appearances for Person Offenses
4. Total Number of Court Appearances for Property Offenses
5. Total Number of Court Appearances for Sex Offenses

C. Criminal History Variables (continued)

6. Total Number of Court Appearances for Narcotics Offenses
7. Total Number of Court Appearances for Drunkenness Offenses
8. Total Number of Court Appearances for Escape Offenses
9. Number of Prior County (House of Correction) Incarcerations
10. Number of Adult Paroles
11. Number of Adult Parole Violations
12. Age at Release
13. Age at First Court Appearance for Drunkenness Offense
14. Age at First Court Appearance for Drug Offense

D. Furlough Variables

1. Total Number of Furloughs
2. Total Number of Successful Furlough Outcomes
3. Total Number of Late Under Furlough Outcomes
4. Total Number of Late Over Furlough Outcomes
5. Total Number of Escape Furlough Outcomes
6. Total Number of Arrest Furlough Outcomes

E. Movement Variables

1. Number of Maximum Security Placements
2. Number of Medium Security Placements
3. Number of Minimum/Pre-Release Placements
4. Time Spent in Maximum Security before Release
5. Time Spent in Medium Security Before Release
6. Time Spent in Minimum/Pre-Release before Release
7. Time Spent in Maximum Since Last Placement

F. Recidivism Variables

1. Category of Return
2. New Arrests
3. Type of Parole Violations
4. Disposition of New Arrests
5. Date of Return to Custody
6. Date Parole Warrant Issued